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SUBJ: NEW YORK POLICE STATEMENT REGARDING YUGOSLAV EMIGRE
TERRORISTS

1. YUGOSLAV ARTICLES AND EDITORIALS ON HIJACKING OF TWA PLANE
BY CROATIAN EMIGRES HAVE QUOTED ALLEGED STATEMENTS BY NEW YORK
CITY "POLICE CHIEF" MICHAEL KODA (PHONETIC). HE IS
REPORTED TO HAVE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE POLICE HAVE LONG BEEN
FAMILIAR WITH YUGOSLAV EMIGRE TERRORIST GROUPS AND COULD HAVE
PUT AN END TO THEIR ACTIVITIES HAD THEY NOT BEEN "RESTRAINED"
BY HIGHER AUTHORITIES.

2. FOR INSTANCE, EDITORIAL IN WEEKLY MAGAZINE "NIN"
QUOTES KODA AS SAYING "THE POLICE AND INTELLIGENCE SERVICES
WERE ALWAYS RESTRAINED" FROM ACTING AGAINST THE EMIGRES,
EVEN THOUGH THEY WERE WELL ACQUAINTED WITH THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR
TERRORIST ACTS AGAINST YUGOSLAV DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT DEPARTMENT ADVISE EXACTLY WHAT
STATEMENTS NEW YORK POLICE MADE TO PRESS ABOUT YUGOSLAV
EMIGRES AND WHAT THEY MEAN ABOUT PAST ACTIONS.
AS REPORTED HERE, THEY BUTTRESS YUGOSLAV
ARGUMENT OF U.S. OFFICIAL TOLERATION OF AND COMPLICITY
WITH EMIGRE EXTREMISTS.
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